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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, PGOV, PINT, TH
SUBJ: DRAFT BILL TO PERMIT STATE OPIUM TRADE

1. ACCORDING TO BANGKOK RADIO AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS THREE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (TWO SOCIAL JUSTICE, ONE NEW SIAM) SUBMITTED A DRAFT BILL TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE ON AUGUST 13 WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE RTG TO TRADE IN OPIUM. THE BILL WOULD ALLOW THE RTG TO ISSUE LICENSES TO GROWERS WHO WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO SELL THEIR PRODUCE TO THE GOVERNMENT. IT WOULD PROVIDE THAT OPIUM COULD BE SOLD ONLY FOR LEGITIMATE PURPOSES, AND IMPOSE PENALTIES RANGING FROM A MINIMUM OF TEN YEARS TO A MAXIMUM OF DEATH, AND/OR FINES RANGING FROM \$2,500 TO \$25,000 FOR INFRACTIONS OF THE LAW.

2. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES SUPPORT THIS BILL, AND THERE DOES NOT AS YET APPEAR TO BE MUCH INTEREST IN IT. THAILAND WOULD IN ANY EVENT HAVE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE UN BEFORE IT COULD ENGAGE IN THE LEGAL OPIUM TRADE, SOMETHING THE BILL'S DRAFTERS HAVE

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APPARENTLY NOT YET CONSIDERED. THE EMBASSY WILL BE WATCHING

THIS BILL WITH INTEREST.
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